

The Examiner argues that Backes discloses a packet containing a first address data conforming to the first network and second address data conforming to a second network. Applicants submit that the Examiner is misinterpreting and/or misapplying the reference.

Backes discloses that a first frame is received from the first communication system, where the first frame has a multicast address as a destination address. *See Abstract; Col. 2, lines 24-31; Col. 8, lines 26-30.* There is no disclosure in Backes of a packet transmitted over the first communication system containing both first data address conforming to the first network format and second address data conforming to a second network format.

In Backes, to the extent any address translation is accomplished, it is done without the transmission of the new address format with the initial address format in the packet transmitted over the first communication system. In short, Backes is entirely irrelevant to Applicant's claimed invention.

Since claims 2, 4, 6, 7 and 9 depend from either claim 1 or claim 6, Applicants submit that they are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency.

Claims 3, 5, 8, and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Backes as applied to claims 1 and 6 above, and further in view of Gang Jr. (US 4,897,841).

Since, claims 3, 5, 8, and 10 depend from either claim 1 or claim 6 they distinguish over Backes for the reasons given above with respect to claims 1 and 6. Gang Jr. does not make up for the deficiencies of Backes, for it fails to disclose or suggest the claimed subject matter, for example, the transmission of two address formats, one of the first network, the other of the second network in the packet transmitted over the first network.

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Additionally, Gang Jr. fails to disclose features claimed in the dependent claims, for example the selective elimination of the second address field from a portion of the packet header.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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